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Sri S. RAMALINGAM:—“ இந்த நூற்றியோரு ட்யூப் கிணறுகளை வெட்டுவதற்கு பணம் அதிகம் செலவாகியிருப்பதால் தண்ணீர் வரி இவைகளுக்கு வசூலிக்கப்படுகிறது என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். இப்பொழுது சர்க்காருக்கு ஏற்பட்ட செலவு பூராவையும் தண்ணீர் தீர்வையாக வசூலிக்கச் சர்க்கார் உத்தேசிக்கிறதா ? அப்படியானால் எவ்வளவு வருஷத்திற்குள் சர்க்கார் அதனை வசூலிக்க உத்தேசித்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள் ? ”

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—“ I think it will be a permanent levy on these lands so long as those lands get the benefit of these tube-wells.”

Sri S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—“ May I know what the actual cost of sinking of these 101 tube-wells is and what is the amount collected as a result of this cess? ”

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—“ The total cost is Rs. 6,89,147. The average cost works out to Rs. 5,692 per well. We are just now collecting the levy, Sir.”

Sri P. SELVARAJ :—“ Sir, this question does not contain anything to show that it refers merely to the South Arcot district. That being so, may I know whether any wells were sunk in other districts and whether there was any failure? ”

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—“ So far, these tube-wells have been taken up only in South Arcot district.”

Stock of ammonium sulphate with the Sales Society, Tindivanam.

* 29 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the results of the examination of the matter referred to in the answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of the answer to starred question No. 566, dated 16th July 1953?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—“ The matter referred to in the previous starred question relates to the deficit in the stock of ammonium sulphate entrusted to the Tindivanam Sale Society. An enquiry into the matter revealed that the final actual deficit was about 525 lb. after the sale of 1,140 bags in loose quantities. There was a likelihood of some wastage occurring due to sale in loose quantities. Hence no action was considered necessary in this matter.”

‘ Bhagavath Gita ’ edited by Sri Anna.

* 30 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state, with reference to answer to the starred question No. 1006, dated 27th July 1953, whether the book Bhagavath Gita edited by one Sri Anna and published by Sri Ramakrishna Mutt, Mylapore, Madras, was prohibited from use in the libraries of local boards and panchayat boards?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—“ The answer is in the negative.”